



KIKAIER

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LONG AGO, IN A
LITTLE TOWN, THERE
WAS A PUPPET MAKER
CALLED GEPPETTO.



HE MADE
A MARIONETTE
AND NAMED IT
PINOCCHIO.



SHE MADE IT SO
PINOCCHIO COULD
MOVE WITHOUT
HIS STRINGS.



ONE NIGHT,
A FAIRY
PRINCESS
APPEARED.



JIMMY
CRICKET...

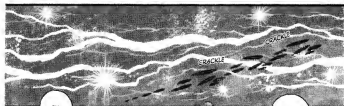
YOU SHALL ACT
AS PINOCCHIO'S
CONSCIENCE.

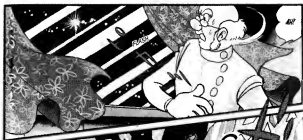
IF YOU PROVE
YOURSELF TO BE A
GOOD CHILD, ONE DAY
YOU WILL BECOME A
REAL BOY.



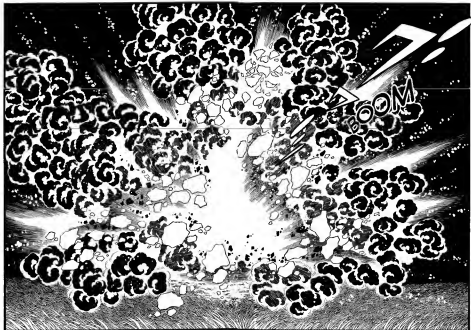








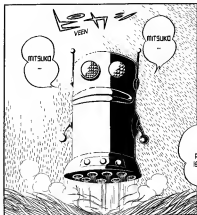












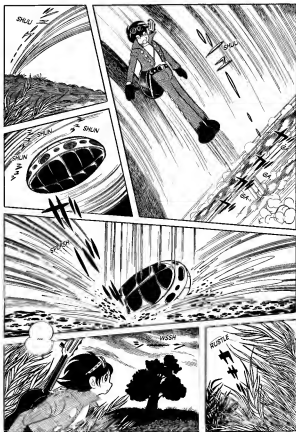










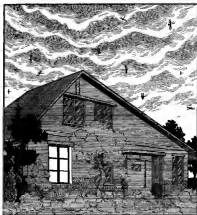
























MY... MY OWN MOTHER...

NO...



...AND USE THEM FOR SOME SINISTER PURPOSE.

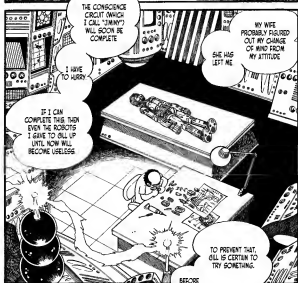
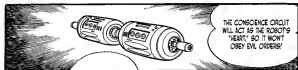
IT SEEMS THAT ELL PLANS TO TAKE THE 13 ROBOTS I'VE DESIGNED TO RESEMBLE ANIMALS THAT ARE NEAR EXTINCTION...



I HAVE TO ACT BEFORE SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS!

...NO MATTER HOW EVIL!







MITRUNO ...

I INSTALLED THE COMPLETED "JIMINY" CONSCIENCE CIRCUIT IN A NEW ROBOT.



THAT'S WHERE THE JOURNAL ENDS.

LAST NIGHT, I RECEIVED THE LETTER STORED IN THE MESSAGE ROBOT.



MIT-
SUNO!

THEY'RE
COMING!

THERE IS
NO TIME TO
REDO THE
WORK.

I NAMED
THE UNIT
"JIRO."

TONIGHT I TURNED
IT ON FOR THE FIRST
TIME...BUT IT WAS
A FAILURE!

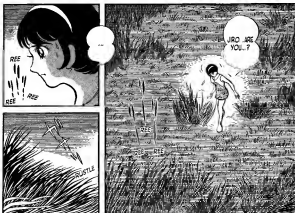


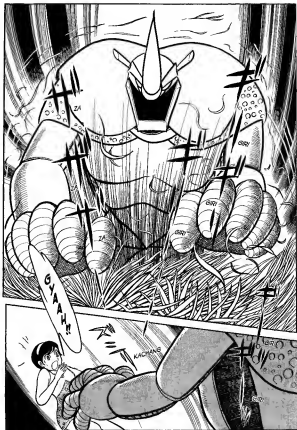
IF YOU
CAN'T FIX
IT, THEN
DESTROY
IT!

I WANT YOU TO RND
JIRO, REPAIR THE JIMINY
CIRCUIT AND MAKE IT
FUNCTION.

I PUT THE
SCHEMATICS FOR
THE JIMINY CIRCUIT
INSIDE JIRO AND
HAD HIM ESCAPE





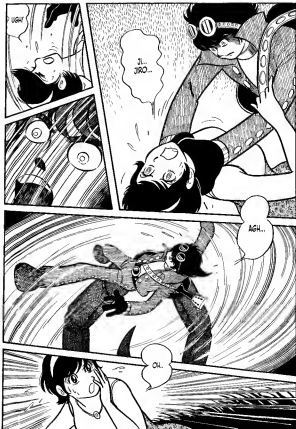




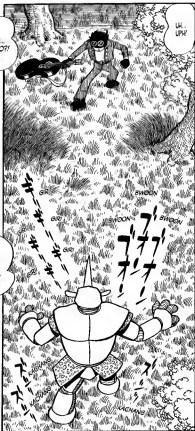




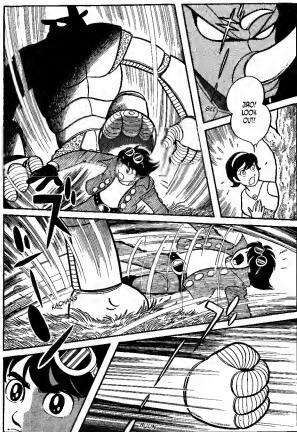




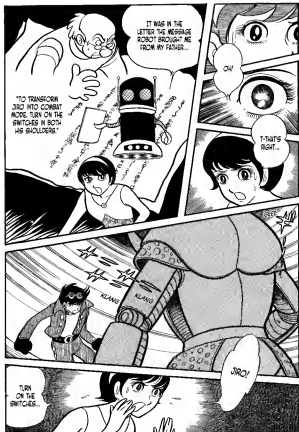




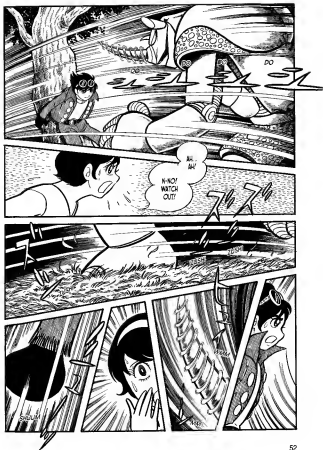








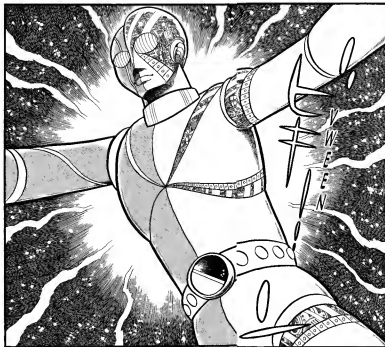








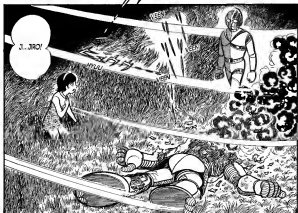


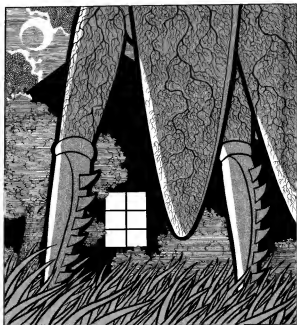














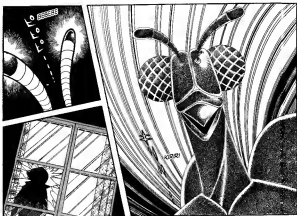
























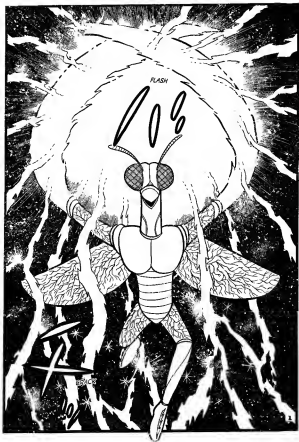
KU-KU-
KIKAP!

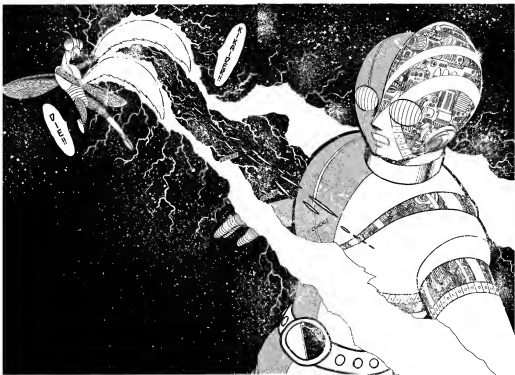
I'M JUST
LIKE YOU...
A KING!

I'M A
MACHINE!

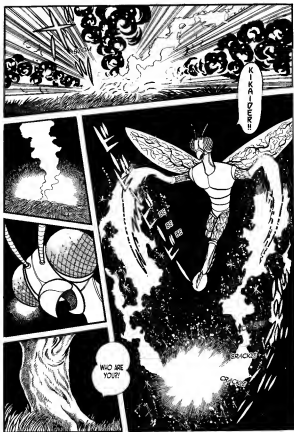
I TRANSFORM!



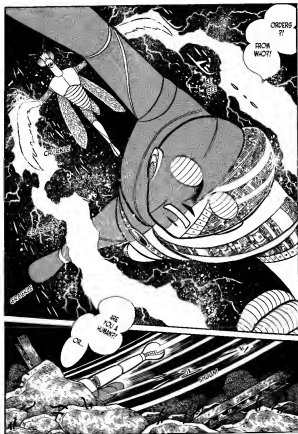




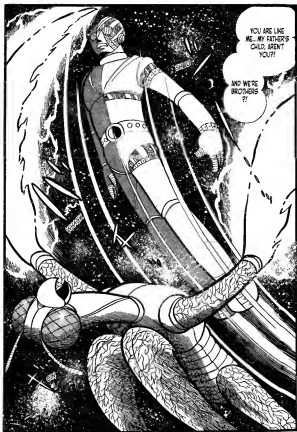






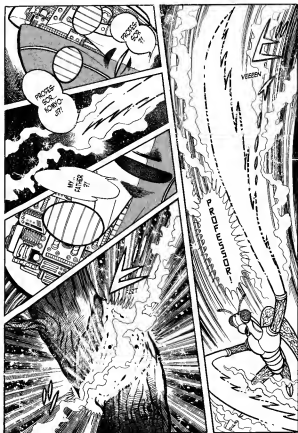




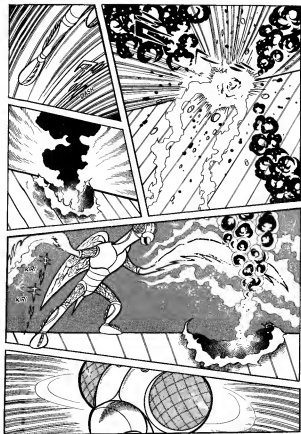


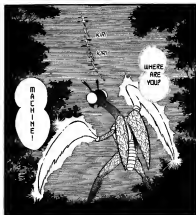












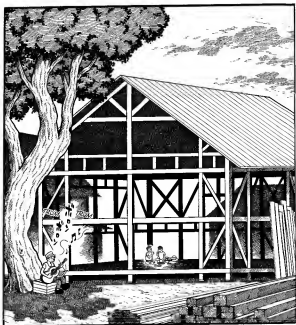








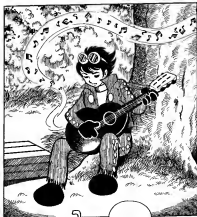










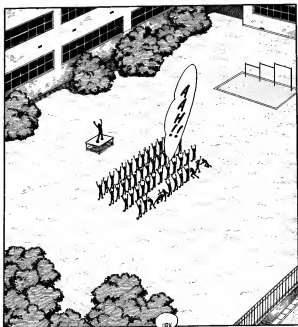


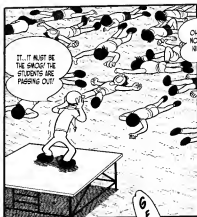
















WHO ARE...?!



YOU WANT SOMETHING?

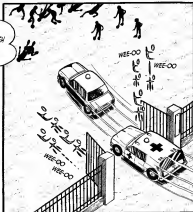


HEY, WAIT!

UM?

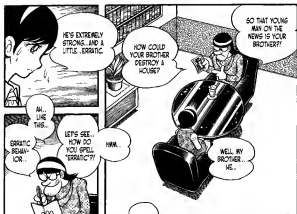




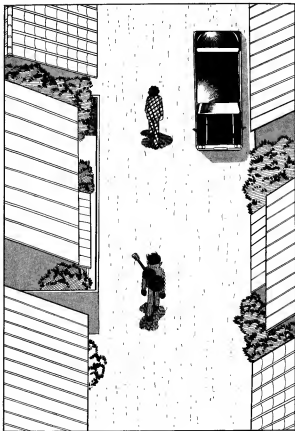




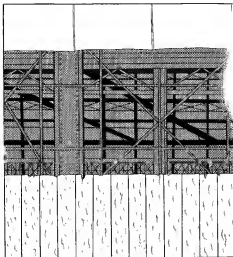








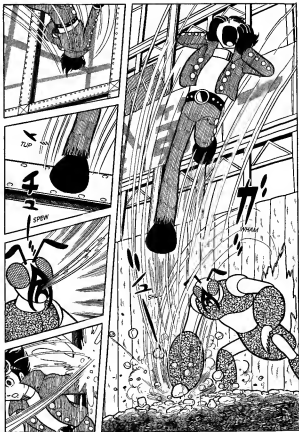


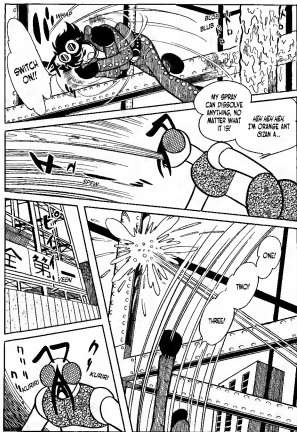


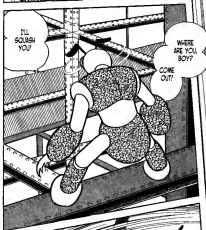










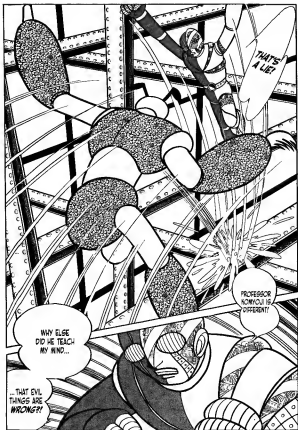






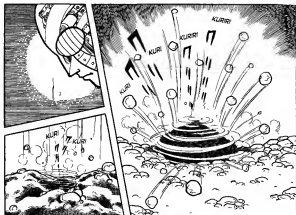














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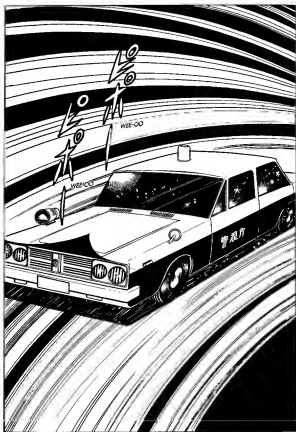
SO IF WE WAIT HERE FOR THE YOUNG MAN, JIRO, THAT WE'RE AFTER...

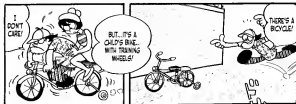


IF WE CATCH HIM, WE'LL GET MONEY!

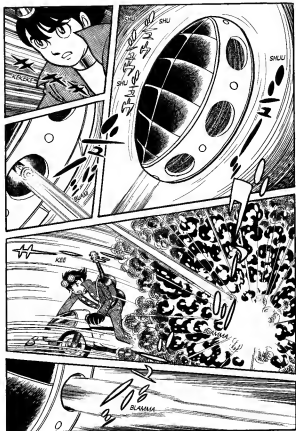




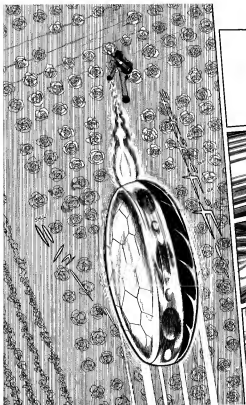


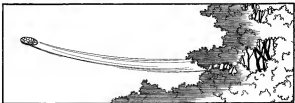
















ALL
RIGHT!

THANK
YOU!



IF HE EVER
DISAPPEARS AGAIN,
DON'T HESITATE TO
GIVE MY OFFICE
A CALL.



JUST
DOING MY
JOB, MA'AM.



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.



I'M STILL
GONNA
KEEP MY
EYE ON
THIS.



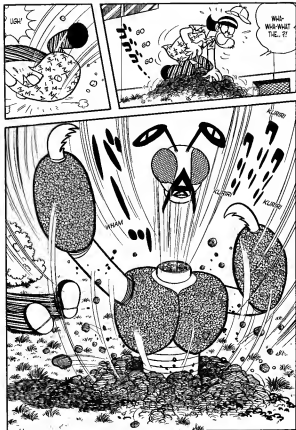






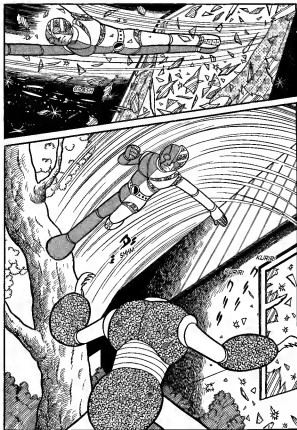


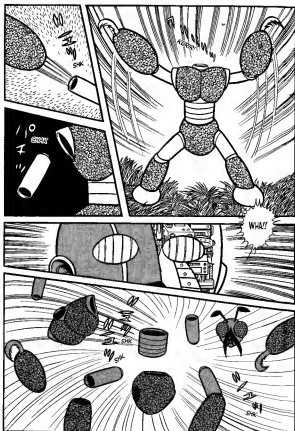


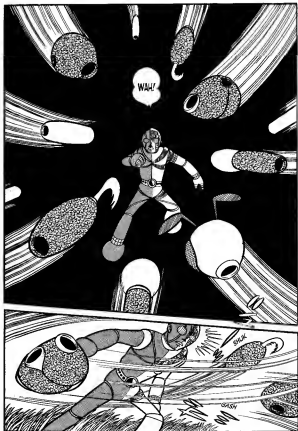


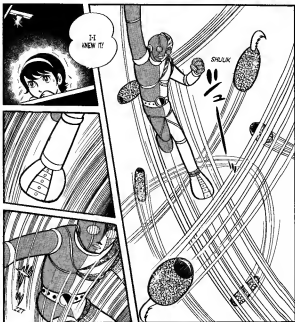
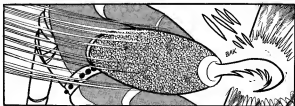


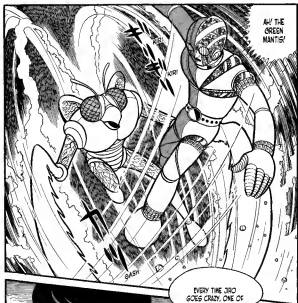












AH! THE
GREEN
MANTIS!



EVERY TIME JIRO
GOES CRAZY, ONE OF
THOSE ROBOTS ALWAYS
SHOWS UP!



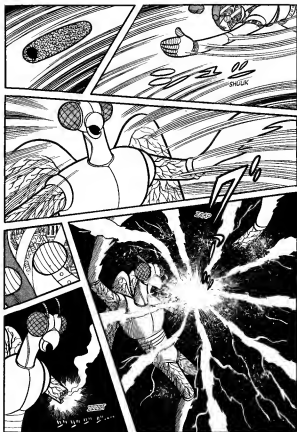


THAT MUST
BE WHAT'S
CONTROLLING
JIRO'S MIND!

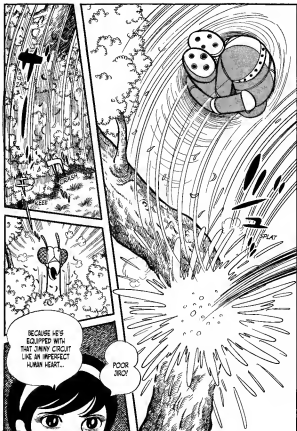
IT'S PROBABLY
A MELODY IN AN
ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY
THAT HUMAN EARS
CAN'T HEAR

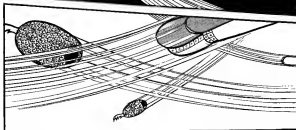
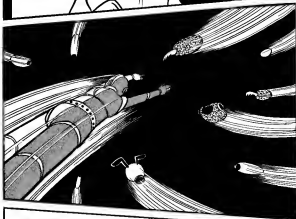
THE SOUND
OF DOCTOR
GILL'S FLUTE
CONTROLS THE
ROBOTS.

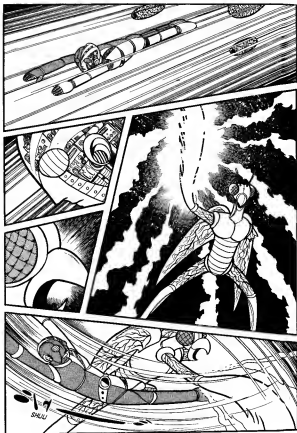


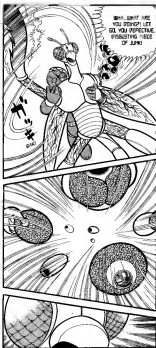
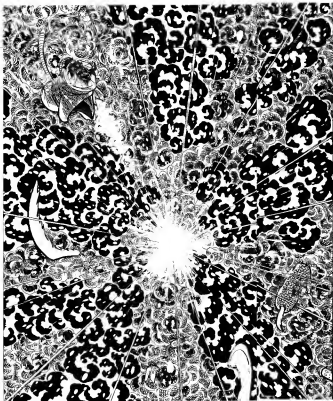






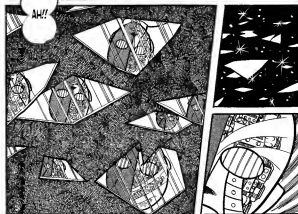


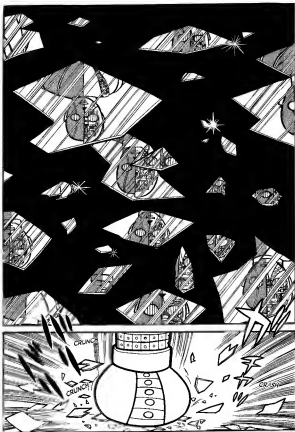


















AND
THEN...

SINCE THE
JINNY CIRCUIT IS
INCOMPLETE, IT
HAS TO BE FIXED!



MT-
SUNO?

MITSUKO,
WHERE
ARE YOU?

THEN
MY BODY
COULD
TOO...



...IS
ONLY...

...IT
COULD
BE...



...PROPERLY
COM-
PLETED...



SOB

SOB



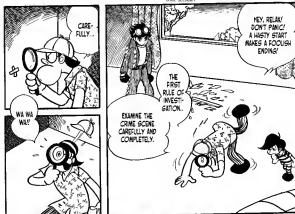
MASARU?

BOO
BOO!





Both Accusers











A ROBOT HAS
NO RIGHT TO
DISOBEY AN
ORDER!

BUT WHEN THE BOSS
GIVES AN ORDER,
THERE'S NO JOB I
WON'T DO!

DISOBEYING
ITS MASTER'S
ORDERS IS
UNFORGIVABLE!

A ROBOT'S ROLE
IS MERELY TO BE A
MACHINE CREATED
AS HUMANS' SLAVE.

MY BOSS,
DOCTOR GILL,
DOESN'T LINE
THAT!

HOWEVER, YOUR
FATHER, PROFESSOR
KONYOU, HE GAVE JIRO--
THE HINDER--THE CHOICE
TO DISOBEY!

NO
RIGHT
AT ALL!

I'LL
CRUSH
JIRO!

I'LL
SMASH
THE JIMMY
CIRCUIT!

I'LL DESTROY THAT
ANDROID HINDER AND
HIS FOUL LITTLE JIMMY
CIRCUIT ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

TO EXPRESS IT IN
LITERARY TERMS, JIRO
WAS BORN WITH A
FLAW THAT WILL LEAD
TO TRAGEDY!

NOW
YOU
SEE!



WHY?



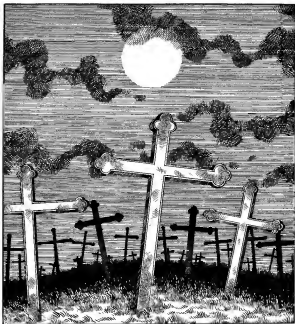
WHY AH HA... IN OTHER WORDS, JIRO'S TRAGEDY BEGAN WHEN HE WAS INSTALLED WITH THE JINNY CONSCIENCE CIRCUIT!

THE JINNY MADE JIRO HIMSELF SUFFER... AND FURTHERMORE MADE HIM THE ENEMY OF ALL MACHINES!

AND EVEN WORSE, HE IS HATED AND FEARED BY HUMANS AS WELL!

EVEN BY DOCTOR GILL, THE INCARNATION OF EVIL... BY THE YOUNG CONSTRUCTION WORKER... EVEN BY THE POLICE, THOSE GUARD DOGS OF HUMAN GOOD.

JIRO IS NEITHER HUMAN NOR MACHINE. HE'S MERELY A HALF-BREED OF THE TWO--A PATHETIC CREATURE WHO BELONGS TO NEITHER WORLD!





A HUMAN'S
PITY IS
COMPLETELY
USELESS TO
A MACHINE!

LISTEN!
FEELING
SORRY FOR
HIM WON'T
HELP HIM IN
THE LEAST!

WHA HA HA HE...
I SEE YOU
FEEL PITY
FOR JIRO!



WHAT,
ARE YOU
CRYING?



BUT IT IS
AS YOU
SAW.

WHEN DR. GILL
PLAYED HIS FLUTE, JIRO
LOST ALL POWER OF
SELF-CONTROL AND
ASSAULTED YOU.

CONSIDER THIS--
IT APPEARS THAT JIRO
WAS COME TO HAVE
FEELINGS FOR YOU.



AND AS A
RESULT...

WHEN HE HAS NO
SELF-CONTROL,
HIS TRUE DESIRES
EMERGE!

PRECISELY
BECAUSE HE
LIKES YOU...







RONYUJI PUT A
JINNY CONSCIENCE
CIRCUIT INSIDE
ME TOO!

YES, EVEN I
MYSELF AM A VICTIM
OF RONYUJI'S
EXPERIMENTS!



BUT EVEN
SO, I
SUFFERED
GREATLY!

THAT THING...THE CONSCIENCE
CIRCUIT... IT WAS EVEN MORE INCOMPLETE THAN THE
ONE INSTALLED IN JIRO... FORTUNATELY I
ONLY SUFFERED ITS EFFECTS FOR
A SHORT TIME



YOU KNOW
THE STORY
OF THE BAT?





ALSO
KNOWN AS
THE GOLDEN
BAT!

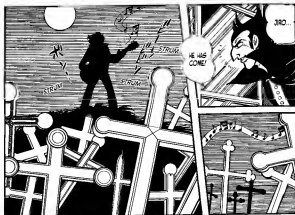
A BAT-
SHAPED
ROBOT!

LOOK WELL...JUST
AS MY APPEARANCE
SHOWS, I AM *COUNT
DRACULA!*

UGH...

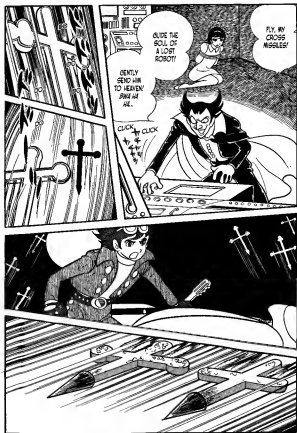
CREATED MERELY FOR
KONJOU'S SCIENTIFIC
CURIOSITY...A MONSTER
BORN FROM A SCIENTIST'S
COLD HEART!















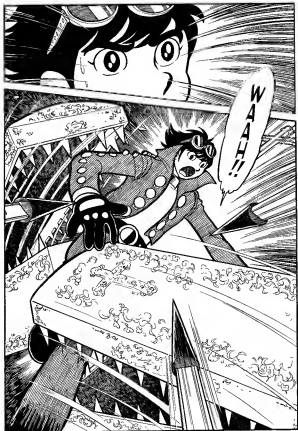


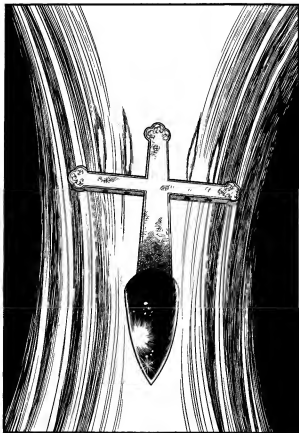


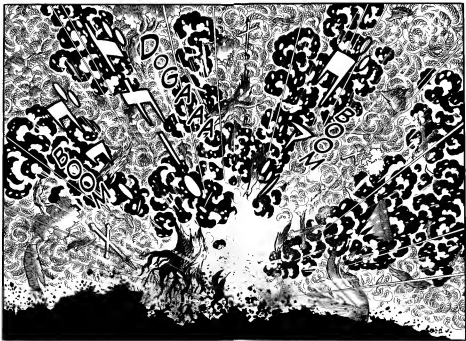
I CAN'T...I CAN'T DO
IT IN A PLACE YOU CAN
SEE ME...TO BE THAT
UGLY AGAIN...I CAN'T!

NO!

A.A.
MITSURU!





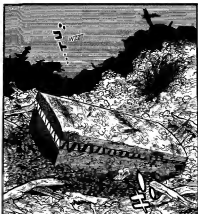














THAT'S THE
WINDOW I SAW
MITSUO IN...

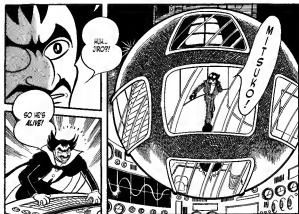


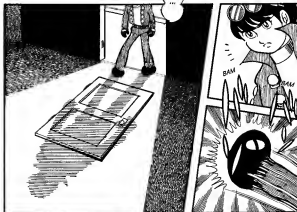


NOT
HERE!













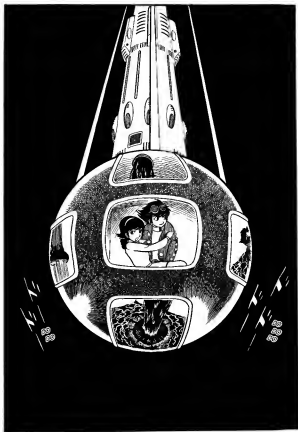














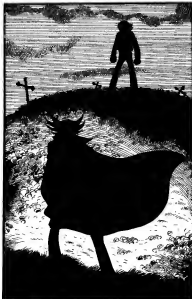


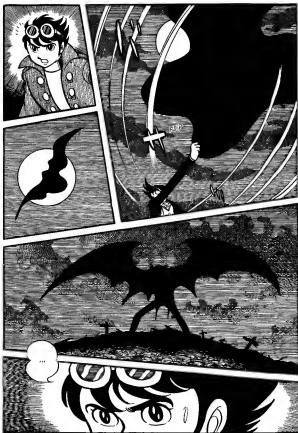




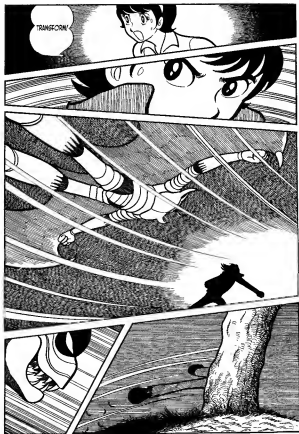




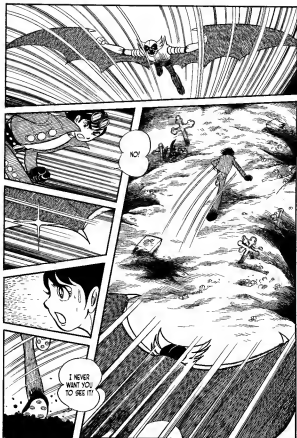
























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